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LA FRANCE FIRE ENGINE HAS ARRIVED

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The American-La France combination fire engine, chemical engine, and hose cart, the purchase of which was recently authorized by the city council, arrived last week, and is being temporarily housed in the Day and Night Garage, pending the completion of the new fire house, that is now in course of construction.

The engine is the very last word in fire-fighting apparatus, and combines on one truck the many pieces of apparatus found in any of the larger cities.

The engine has four large nozzles leading from one powerful pump, from which four streams of water can be pumped simultaneously from a powerful pump under the driver's seat, and which is operated by the truck's motor. In the rear of the driver's seat is the chemical tank, the contents of which is used in extinguishing incipient fires, while the rear end of the big red wagon is the water hose, and on the side the scaling ladders and hooks for tearing down burned portions of a building.

In addition to the above the truck is equipped with numerous fire-fighting devices and is considered by all who have examined it that are familiar with fire engines, to exactly fill the requirements of Torrance for years to come.

The Ladies Guild of the Central Evangelical church met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Chas. Stock of 2720 West Carson street. Mrs. Stock, Mrs. T. Beckwith and Mrs. Pickrell were hostesses.

Mrs. Pickrell of Vista Highlands attended a luncheon in Glendale, given by Mrs. J. E. Brayman in honor of Mrs. Mark Miller of Asthabula, Ohio, and Mrs. Clara Barnes and daughter of Menlow, Iowa.

Income Tax Man At Torrance P. O.

Get ready for the Income Tax Man. A deputy collector from the office of Rex Goodsell, collector of internal revenue will be in Torrance February 26 and 27 at the postoffice to receive income tax returns for the year 1922 and to assist in their preparation.

No fee is required to be paid to the deputy collector for his services to the taxpayer, and Collector Goodsell advises taxpayers to avail themselves of this service.

Box Lunch Cafe Remodels Interior

The past two days have been busy ones for Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun of the Box Lunch Cafe, for in addition to serving a large number of customers they have been directing the work of enlarging their cafe and moving ranges, sinks, and installing extra tables and counters. They have the whole room now, the Coker Specialty Shop having moved to its new quarters. Additional tables will be placed in the acquired space, partitions being built for a store room, dishwasher's room and other conveniences added. Increase in business at the Box Lunch is responsible for the late improvements.

KEEPING STEP WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The dance held on Saturday night, January 27, under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary was the most successful ever given by that organization. The music furnished by the "Jazz Bandits," a trio of superb entertainers, who have just completed a long engagement on the Orpheum circuit, was very satisfactory to both the officers of the Auxiliary and the patrons of the dance.

The comfort of the patrons was well taken care of by a committee chosen for that purpose. Mrs. Greiner's hot chocolate made a hit with those who partook of the refreshments served.

The next dance to be given by the Auxiliary will be a "St. Valentine's Dance." The date has not yet been set, but it will be on or near St. Valentine's day, which is the 14th of February.

The usual admission of \$1.00 per couple will be charged, and the public can expect something very much out of the ordinary for this occasion. Those who attended our St. Valentine's dance last year will remember that it was a program affair, and one of the best ever staged in Torrance. Tickets will be printed for this dance, and may be obtained from any member of the Legion post or Auxiliary, and at the drug stores, Sam Levy's and El Prado Cafe.

These dances given by the Auxiliary have two purposes: The first is to afford the people of Torrance a nice place to dance and good music to dance to; and the proceeds are being used to alleviate the suffering of those poor lads who were left by the war physically unfit to again enter the ranks of the worker. The Auxiliary has charge of over forty of these boys at the Compton Sanatorium. The public gets the benefit of a splendid place to dance, and the boys get the benefit of the attention of the ladies of the Auxiliary.

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